

People:

Guiding God,
You lead us through valleys and into green pastures.
We pray for those walking through valleys today,
for communities facing war, for families grieving loss,
for those whose names are forgotten by systems of power.
We pray for leaders who must choose courage over comfort.
We pray for movements seeking justice and peace.
We pray for this community at Admiral,
that we may continue growing, continuing our covenant work,
continuing to carry the names of those in wilderness.
Give us courage to say yes to your call.
Send us into the world with compassion and hope.

POSTLUDE



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WORSHIP SERVICE

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & MAKING SPACE FOR SPIRIT

GROUNDING SONG:
Give Me a Brave Heart"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Shepherd calls to us across wilderness paths.

People: We come seeking guidance and rest.

Leader: When the valley is dark and the road uncertain

People: God walks beside us.

Leader: When the world forgets the names of the vulnerable

People: God remembers every name.

Leader: When courage is required and hope feels fragile

People: God calls us to say yes.

Leader: Come, growing people of God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us.

SHARED SINGING: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" (only insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of wilderness and courage,

We pray for names we know and names we will never hear.

For children in war zones. For families displaced.

For communities grieving violence.

We pray for LGBTQIA+ youth navigating hostile systems.

For Black and Brown communities facing injustice.

For immigrants seeking safety.

Strengthen leaders who work for peace.

Comfort those whose names feel forgotten.

Make us brave enough to carry the stories entrusted to us.

Walk with every name in every wilderness. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Response, "Spirit of the Living God"

ANTHEM: "We Are Not Alone", by Pepper Choplin

The Admiral Choir

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:1-6, translated by Robert Alter

SERMON

- *CHOOSE ME* -

Pastor Jermell Witherspoon

CONVERSATION

1. **Psalm 23 reminds us that God leads us through valleys as well as green pastures.**

Where in your life might God be inviting you to trust the Divine guidance and take a step forward, even if the path feels uncertain?

2. **When God asks, "Whom shall I send?" the faithful response has often been, "Send me."**

What might it look like in this journey, for you to say "Choose me", for life, for justice, or for love, in your community or in the world?

INVITATION TO SHARE

DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heav'nly host;

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost

SHARED SINGING: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand", NCH 472

BENEDICTION

Go now as people who are led by the Shepherd.

Walk with courage through the valleys.

Carry hope into the wilderness.

Speak truth where it is needed.

And when God calls,

May your hearts be ready to say:

"Send me, Lord. I will go." Amen.

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